

In the Drawings

Please replace drawing sheets 4 and 5 with the Replacement Sheets attached hereto. In both Figures 4 and 5, the reference numbers 104 and 106 have been reversed. In Figure 5, the references A and B, and corresponding arrows, have been amended.

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request that the above Amendments be entered before the case is examined. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 2, 5, 11, and 12 and submitted new Claims 13-17. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. Claim 5 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Support for amendments to Claims 1, 2, 11, and 12 is found in Paragraph 0010-0011, 0019 and 0030 and Figures 2 and 5. Support for new Claim 13 is found in paragraph 0030, Claims 4 and 5, and Figures 4 and 5. Support for new Claims 14-17 is found in Paragraphs 0033-0035 and Figures 2 and 3.

Applicants have amended Figures 4 and 5 in the drawings to correct errors in the drawings as originally filed. Support for these amendments is found in paragraphs 0030 and 0031 and Figures 2 and 3. For example, paragraph 0031 describes airflow being directed "through the outlet valves 112, into the outlet channel 102, and out the outlet port 106, and into the air system of the vehicle (indicated by arrows B)." Furthermore, "the air flows into the apertures 124 and biases the flaps 126 away from the apertures 124, thereby permitting the compressed air to be discharged into the discharge channel 102 and out an outlet port 106 to various parts of the vehicle." Paragraph 0030.

In view of the above Amendment and remarks, this application is believed to be ready for examination.

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Respectfully submitted,



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